during his tour of the region immediately after taking over the office in April-May, 1998; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Instances of certain insurgent groups in the North-Eastern region indulging in forcible extortion under the garb of "tax collection by the so called Government" have come to the notice of the Central Government.

(b) and (c) The Prime Minister had, during his visit to Assam in April, 1998, extended an invitation to insurgent groups to come forward and hold talks to bring about peace in the region. The Prime Minister, in his press statement at Guwahati on 15th April, 1998 had sated: "To all those who have strayed from the paths of togetherness, whether in Assam or other States of the North-East, I extend an invitation: come forward; let us discuss, my Government is committed to holding talks, to a restoration of peace; let us do so within the four corners of our Constitution." The economic package announced by the earlier Government continues to be implemented.

Civil Administration run by Mercenaries and Insurgents

3104. SHRIMARI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign mercenaries and insurgents run the civil administration in different border areas of the country including Rajwar and other parts of Jammu and Kashmir and also collect revenues in these areas;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been and are being taken to ensure smooth running of Government administration?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Government have not come across any such report of foreign mercenaries and insurgents running civil administration in the border areas in any part of the country, though there are reports of insurgent groups, in the North-East Collecting taxes.

(c) The State Government of Jammu & Kashmir is gearing up the administrative machinery, including upgradation of the capabilities of the State Police, to effectively deal with the problem of the militancy. The Central Government is providing the required assistance to the J&K State Government in their efforts.

Concerned State Governments in the North-East have been advised to take strict action to curb illegal collection of taxes/revenues.

बेरोजगार युवकों द्वारा किए गए अपराध

3105. **श्री सूर्यभान पाटील वहाडणे:**
श्रीमती शबाना आज़मी:
श्री बरजिन्दर सिंह:

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 18 जून, 1998 के "दिल्ली टाइम्स" में "स्पर्ट इन सिटी क्राइम बाई अनइम्पलॉएड यूथ" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

(ग) इस समस्या के संबंध में सरकार का क्या आकलन है और सरकार ऐसे बेरोजगार युवकों को सही रास्ते पर लाने के लिए क्या उपाय कर रही है;

(घ) इस संबंध में राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है तथा क्या कोई नए कार्यक्रम शुरू करने का प्रस्ताव है; और

(ङ) इन बदलते हुए रूझानों को देखते हुए पुलिस बलों की कार्य-प्रणाली में परिवर्तन लाने के लिए सरकार की क्या योजना है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) जी हां, श्रीमान्।

(ख) जून, 1998 के प्रथम पखवाडे के दौरान, लूटपाट के 46 मामले सूचित किए गए थे, जिनमें से दिल्ली पुलिस ने 22 मामले सुलझा लिए हैं।

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